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1. DURING CONVERSATION WITH ME ON OTHER SUBJECTS JANUARY 6, MFA DEPUTY PERMANENT UNDER SECRETARY HORDUR HELGASON IN RESPONSE TO MY QUERY AS TO WHETHER THERE HAD BEEN ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN SEA TRANSPORT COMPETITION FOR SUPPLY OF NATO BASE SAID THAT HE KNEW OF NONE. I THEN TOLD HIM THAT I HAD BEEN CONTACTED BY INGIMUNDUR SIGFUSSON, PRESIDENT OF HEKLA AND ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL SUPPORTERS OF NEW SHIPPING COMPANY WHICH HOPED TO OBTAIN CONTRACT FOR SUPPLYING NATO BASE IN COMPETITION WITH EIMSKIP, AND THAT SIGFUSSON UNDERSTOOD GOI HAD NOW ADOPTED "NEUTRAL" POLICY ON THIS MATTER AS BETWEEN EIMSKIP AND HIS GROUP.

2. HELGASON IMMEDIATELY INDICATED THIS IS, INDEED, THE CASE NOW THAT RATES OF BOTH ICELANDIC SHIPPING COMPANIES ARE THE SAME. HE WENT ON TO SAY THAT AS FAR AS GOI IS CONCERNED QUESTION OF SHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS WAS ONE FOR
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APPROPRIATE USG AUTHORITIES. I THANKED HELGASON FOR THIS INFORMATION AND TOLD HIM I WOULD INFORM WASHINGTON.

3. NOTWITHSTANDING HELGASON'S DISCLAIMER, REQUEST WE BE INFORMED PROMPTLY OF ANY DECISIONS ON SHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS AFFECTING NATO BASE.
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